

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

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Please add the following paragraphs after paragraph [0024]:

According to a general aspect, there is provided a fly fishing rod comprising a fishing rod shaft having a tip end and a proximal end, a handgrip mounted to the fishing rod shaft, a sleeve like adapter, a hollow cylinder, and a reel with a fishing line. The handgrip is proximate to the proximal end of the fishing rod shaft and circumscribes the rod shaft. The handgrip has a length l_1 adapted for receiving a fisherman's hand thereon and has an external diameter along at least a portion of the length l_1 thereof which is greater than an external diameter of the fishing rod shaft. The fishing rod shaft has a proximal portion extending past the handgrip towards the proximal end. The sleeve like adapter is secured over the proximal portion and is formed with an engaging locking means. The sleeve like adapter has an outer face with a diameter d_1 at a first end, proximate to the proximal end of the fishing rod shaft. The hollow cylinder has a peripheral wall with an outer face and an inner face opposed to the outer face and defining a cavity. The outer face includes a reel seat with fasteners. The cavity has a diameter d_2 wider than the diameter d_1 allowing the adapter to be slidably inserted into the cavity by first inserting the first end of the adapter. The hollow cylinder has an engageable member engageable with the engaging locking means when sliding the hollow cylinder over the adapter. The hollow cylinder is releasably secured to the adapter by inducing less than a 360 degree rotation of the hollow cylinder relatively to the adapter. The reel is mounted to the outer face and over the cavity of the hollow cylinder, the hollow cylinder being removable from the adapter as a single unit with the reel mounted to the reel seat by disengaging the engageable member from the engaging locking means, thereby allowing the reel and the hollow cylinder to be mounted to and dismounted from the adapter secured over the fishing rod shaft.

According to another general aspect, there is provided a fly fishing rod with a detachable reel seat. The fly fishing rod comprises : a fishing rod shaft having a tip end and a proximal end; a handgrip mounted to and circumscribing the fishing rod shaft, near the proximal end of the fishing rod shaft, the handgrip having a length l_1 adapted for receiving a fisherman's hand thereon, the handgrip having an external diameter along at least a portion of the length l_1 thereof which is greater than an external diameter of the fishing rod shaft, the fishing rod shaft having a proximal portion between the proximal end and the handgrip; a sleeve secured to the proximal

portion, the sleeve having a generally cylindrical outer surface; a removable reel seat member defining a cylindrical cavity adapted to slide onto the outer surface of the sleeve into a mounted position, the reel seat member having reel fasteners; a reel mounted both to the removable reel seat with the reel fasteners and over the cavity of the removable reel seat; and a locking member associated with the reel seat member and the sleeve for releasably locking the reel seat member to the sleeve by inducing less than a 360 degree rotation of the reel seat relatively to the sleeve; whereby the reel and reel seat member can be released and removed from the fishing rod during the sport of fly fishing. ³

Please replace paragraph [0029] with the following amended paragraph:

[0029] FIG. 2a is a perspective view illustrating a sleeve-like adapter having a reel mounted thereto and the device which allows the present invention to be used on any existing rod. The main piece of this second embodiment of the present invention is a cylinder with an opening, which runs from its top down along one side, and adapted for receiving the sleeve-like adapter therein, the sleeve-like adapter being shown before being inserted in the opening of the cylinder and FIG. 2b is a perspective view of the sleeve-like adapter after the adapter has been inserted in the opening of the cylinder; . It is into this opening that the reel seat and the reel are inserted.

Please replace paragraph [0030] with the following amended paragraph:

[0030] FIG. 3 is a perspective view illustrating the device sleeve-like adapter and the cylinder shown described in FIGS. 2a and 2b once installed in place, behind the handgrip and on the original reel seat of the rod, where the reel is normally attached.

Please replace paragraph [0031] with the following amended paragraph:

[0031] FIG. 4a is a perspective view illustrating a waist holder of the present invention with, the device cylinder on the waist holder is the same device (described shown in FIGS. 2a, 2b and 3) used mounted thereto to hold or release the additional reel seat on a conventional rod and Fig. 4b is an exploded perspective view, of the waist holder and the cylinder; and.

Please replace paragraph [0032] with the following amended paragraph:

[0032] FIG. 5a is a perspective view illustrating a fishing vest or life jacket with a band, FIG. 5b ⁴ is a cross-section view of the fishing vest or life jacket with the band, and FIG. 5c is a perspective view of the fishing vest or life jacket with the band having how the waist holder and the cylinder, the part of the present invention showndescribed in FIGS. 4a and 4b, is installed on a fishing vest or life jacket mounted thereto, close to the fisherman's waist.